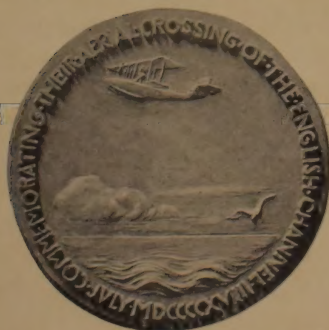


ANS Models - King and Queen of Belgium
Crossing the Channel

1918

MEDAL COMMEMORATING THE
AERIAL CROSSING OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL
BY KING ALBERT AND QUEEN ELISABETH
OF THE BELGIANS



REPRODUCTION FROM THE ARTIST'S MODEL



THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

New York, September 13, 1918.

The American Numismatic Society has prepared, and will shortly issue, a special medal, bearing the seal of the Society, in honor of King Albert and Queen Elisabeth of the Belgians. This medal has been designed by Mr. Theodore Spicer-Simson, an artist of international reputation.

The reproduction in half tone on the preceding page gives the outstanding features of the medal and makes any further description unnecessary. The inscription on the obverse is "King Albert and Queen Elisabeth of the Belgians". The inscription in Latin is an abbreviation from the opening paragraph of Caesar's Commentaries on the Gallic War—"(*Horum eorum*) fortissimi sunt Belgae"—"The bravest of these are the Belgians," thus expressing our national admiration for the Belgians as represented by their sovereigns.

The particular event commemorated by the medal is referred to on the reverse and explained

by the inscription—"Commemorating their aerial crossing of the English Channel, July 1918." It will be recalled that King Albert and Queen Elisabeth made the passage in order to be present at the silver anniversary of the marriage of King George and Queen Mary of England. The return was also made by aeroplane.

A copy in gold will be struck for presentation to their Majesties. Unnumbered copies in silver will be presented to H. M. Victor Emmanuel III., King of Italy; H. M. Alfonso XIII., King of Spain; H. M. King Manuel II., all of whom are Honorary Members of The American Numismatic Society.

The subscription for this medal is open to members of The American Numismatic Society only, and the issue will be limited to the number subscribed for up to October 30, 1918. The medals will be numbered and assigned in the order of the receipt of the subscription. The price for the silver medal has been fixed at \$10, and that of the bronze at \$5. Subscriptions, stating the number desired in each metal, accompanied by cheques to the order of the American Numismatic Society, should be addressed to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway & 156th Street, New York, N.Y.

*The Committee on Publication of the
Medal to King Albert and Queen Elisabeth
of the Belgians.*